

Minutes of the
DESY Customer Meeting
Held at CMS, March 29, 2005

Attendees: Phone/Video: Amy Zambrowski (Mathematica), Claudia Bullock (KC RO), Elizabeth Axelrod, ResDAC, University of Michigan, Brian Ritchie (Philadelphia RO), Marianne Campbell, OIG, Urban Institute, GAO

CMS: Walt Dunick, Roseanne Dean, Ray Semega, Patti Roschitz, David Graf, Linda Moscoe, Pamela Pope, Alberta Dwivedr, Rosemary Thommen, Kia Sidbury, and Zinnia Ng.

VIPS: Randall Hudson, Heather Steger, Chris Knott, and Cheryl Mitchell

Opening Statement

Walter Dunick ran the meeting and provided the following highlights:

Operations

- o Reviewed DB2 Move impacts for DESY:
- o DB2W moved to the new box - processing was slowed down during this processing.
- o The construction signed was posted on 2/25 and DESY was down for 8 business days due to connectivity issues.
- o DESY was up and operational on Thursday, 3/10.

- o Status of DESY Request processing:
- o NMUD years 2003 and 2004 has begun processing (NMUD load finished 03/26).

- o Informed Users of a change in the extract program. The problem resulted in zero output records. The users affected were notified and the extract program was corrected.

- o Informed Users that the business owner is promoting the use of views from DESY.

- o Walt Dunick presented "How to process the views?" The actual presentation was attached to the 03/29 meeting announcement sent to the user community on Monday, 03/28.

Questions

Q: The DESY "Output View" list three output formats to select from what are the differences?

A: The Whole record output has all fields of the record; the Whole Record View has all fields in view format, and the View has user-selected fields only.

Q: Where is the location of the "DESY Header Record" on the output records?

A: The whole record output places the header at the beginning and the view will place the header at the end of each base record only.

Q: The DESY request of 100% physician and supplier does not go through final action. How can I clean up the records?

A: There is an external algorithm that can be processed against the record.

Walt Dunick and Patti Roschitz will provide the algorithm to do final action to the user.

Q: A DESY request of 22 variables is completed in view format. How can they merge the records into a single record?

A: The record link number field can be used to merge the records.

Q: When is "Final Action" performed in DESY?

A: Final Action is performed for NMUD requests (HICAN year 1998-present: all objects and single claim type selection), and NCH (HICAN and non-HICAN) single claim selection only for year 1991-1997. A chart will be created describing when final action output is received from DESY.

Q: If a shipment contains two datasets, what are they?

A: A shipment contains two datasets normally when there are NO dropped records. Dataset #1 will be suffixed with .OUT and contain the records. Dataset #2 will be suffixed with .VCPY and contain the COBOL layout.

Q: What is the 2000 Outpatient data timeline for processing?

A: The timeline has not yet been established due to the recent move to a new box.

Q: Is there a difference in the view format when a HICAN view request is entered for a year range of 1991 to 2003?

A: Yes, the view format is different because the processing is against two different data sources. Years 1991 to 1997 goes against NCH producing the selected view record in element order. Years 1998 to 2003 goes against NMUD producing the selected view records in element order first; then, the multiple and variables fields are placed at the end of the record.

Q: Can DESY build SAS layout for view request?

A: At this time, DESY is not creating SAS layouts for View requests. This will be added as a possible future system enhancement. Elizabeth Axelrod has a program to take a view COBOL copybook and creates a SAS layout. She is willing to share the program/utilities with the DESY maintenance group. It was also stated that this program is available on the CMS website.